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CRIMINALITY IN EGYPT.

The judgment delivered by the special court against the prisoners found guilty of a murderous assault on British officers has been criticised on the ground of its great severity.

harmony with the facts in certain districts. The worst of these is Menoufiyah province, which has long had a disreputable pre-eminence in the criminal statistics, and where murder, cattle poisoning, cotton-pulling, and assaults on the person have been unpleasantly frequent during the last five or six years.

It may be asked—and with justice—whether this increase in crime does not betoken certain weaknesses in the Administration. That the Ministries of the Interior and of Justice have made occasional administrative errors need not be disputed. But the true causes of this steady increase in criminality are the unsuitability of the version of the Code Napoleon which has been adopted by the Egyptian Government to the existing conditions, and the inadequacy of the penalties usually inflicted.

A case will show the lengths to which the Egyptian criminal is prepared to go in the fabrication of evidence. It occurred at Denishawai Darwish Zahran, one of the four men recently executed, bearing a grudge against a neighbor, dug up the body of a young girl from the village cemetery, and thrust it into his enemy's "sakieh," and attended by numerous witnesses discovered the corpse and denounced the luckless owner of the water-wheel on a charge of murder.

An extensive modification of the present intricate Code may be an impossibility. But it surely is not impossible to restore the only punishment, death excepted, which the fellah fears. We refer to flogging. For years the omahs and sheikhs of villages, the large landowners and notables, and an increasing proportion of the British and native officials have demanded or suggested the revival of corporal punishment inflicted under proper supervision upon persons found guilty of the more brutal forms of personal assault.









